

"FRAME-UP" ON BLIND SENATOR

Witnesses Admit Belief that
"Assault" Was Part of
Political Plot.

GORE TESTIFIES TODAY

Defense Recalls Woman's Witness
to Lay Foundation for Impeachment
of Their Testimony.

Philadelphia City, Okla., Feb. 13.—(Waiving the testimony of James R. Jacobs, hitherto considered her chief witness, who is alleged by the defense to be the chief conspirator against Senator Thomas P. Gore, Mrs. Minnie E. Bond closed her side of the case against the blind Senator today.

The defense immediately announced that it would recall several of the plaintiff's witnesses to lay the foundation for an impeachment of their testimony.

Before closing the plaintiff introduced the testimony of Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Ralston, aged parents of Mrs. Bond, who testified that Mrs. Bond had been a nervous wreck ever since the alleged attack by Senator Gore.

Binion, sheriff, testified to the competency he encountered in serving Gore with the papers in the suit.

The defense first recalled Dr. J. H. Carr, Dr. Karp, who is president of the American Club, an anti-Gore organization, admitted saying to Dr. D. M. Bond, "We will have to beat Gore and get rid of him." He denied saying, "We have to get Gore," but admitted he told Dr. Bond that he, Karp, was "framed-up" on the blind statesman.

Admitted It Was "Frame-up."

Karp also admitted saying to M. B. Bond, of El Reno, Okla., that he believed the case was a "frame-up." He was asked if he did not say "dirty frame-up," but denied the expression.

In opening his case, the defense read depositions from Miss Ina Emery, Mrs. J. H. Strayhorn, and Mrs. Madeline Keys, all of Washington. Mrs. Emery is an author. In her deposition, she said she had a conversation with Mrs. Bond in the Hotel Winston, in which Mrs. Bond had said "it wasn't awful what Senator Gore did to me."

Mrs. Emery replied that it was, if true. She said she advised Mrs. Bond to drop the matter, but Mrs. Bond said: "No, I am going to publish it in broadcast." Mrs. Strayhorn, maid, and Mrs. Keys, housekeeper, at the hotel, testified to seeing James R. Jacobs coming from Mrs. Bond's room frequently. Mrs. Keys also said a dresser usually kept between the two rooms where the three persons were and the room in which the alleged attack took place. She said the dresser was moved shortly before the attack.

Bond Frequent Conference.

Howard A. Reed, a detective, said he was hired by Gore to watch Mrs. Bond and the alleged conspirators. He said to frequent conferences indulged in by these persons.

Local telegraph officials testified that the wires between this city and Washington were working March 24, 1913, and Mrs. Bond had testified that she did not inform her husband immediately after the attack because the wires were down on account of the floods.

Whether Spates, brother of the proprietor of the hotel, swore that T. E. Robertson had said while passing the Interior Department Building on an automobile that for that "double-crosser" of the blind "we would all be in it" holding with our feet on the table.

Chambers, editor of the Tonawanda Okla. Chieftain, testified that Senator Jacobs had told him, in reply to a question concerning the Gore-Bond incident, that it was a "frame-up." He said not a Gore supporter, but offered his testimony voluntarily to save Gore.

W. L. Laws, a local attorney, swore

that Robertson had said, "Gore is drunk with power and we are going to knock him off his perch."

Senator Gore will take the stand in his own defense tomorrow morning.

Excitement in the case is growing intense. Sharp words passed between counsel today and Judge Clark had to rebuke attorneys on both sides.

PHONE COMPANY FILES REPORT.

Chempack and Potomac Company

\$224,000.00 in Past Year.

The gross receipts of the Chempack and Potomac Telephone Company aggregated \$224,000.00 in 1913, according to the report of President F. H. Bethel, filed with Congress yesterday.

The expenses in that time aggregated \$116,000.00, leaving a balance of \$108,000.00, applicable to interest and dividends. The report filed yesterday supplements a prior report covering the first eleven months of 1912.

BROODING OVER ARREST, YOUNG MAN ENDS LIFE

Brooke Branson, Who Was Convicted
of Forgery, Inhales Il-
luminating Gas.

FOUND DEAD IN HIS ROOM

Brooding over the fact that by his arrest on seven charges of forgery he had brought his family name into disrepute, Brooke Branson, twenty-eight years old, committed suicide yesterday by inhaling illuminating gas. Branson lived at 1015 Eighth street northwest. The odor of gas attracted the attention of another roomer at the house, and upon forcing the door Branson was found dead.

An ambulance from Emergency Hospital was summoned and Dr. Francis Ruddy responded, taking a pulmotor with him. Half an hour's work with the machine in hopes of bringing Branson back to life failed.

While Branson did not leave a message explaining his act, a veteran policeman of the Anacostia precinct, threw some light on his death.

According to police records, Branson was arrested last September on seven charges of forgery. The complainants were Samuel Steinberger, saloonist; Amos S. Goodson, of the Marine Barracks; William Mushate, of 1915 Nichols avenue southeast; Louis J. Smith, of 1915 Nichols avenue; William Thompson, 1915 Nichols avenue; Daniel C. Smithson, of the Federal National Bank and William M. Cowbig, of the Southern Railway.

Before his arrest he Branson was arrested in Philadelphia by the police on a charge of threatening to take his own life. When the Philadelphia police communicated with the Washington authorities it was learned Branson was wanted here. Detective Frank Baur went to Philadelphia and brought Branson here.

Branson, for more than a quarter of a century one of the best-known members of the police department. He has several brothers and a sister living in Washington.

He pleaded guilty to the forgery charges when arraigned in court; was sentenced to five years, but paroled that he might have another chance.

Coroner J. Ramsey Nevitt in investigating the case learned the young man was temporarily out of employment and had been ill for a few days.

OUT FOR PENROSE'S TOGA.

J. Benjamin Dimick Seeks Senatorial Nomination.

Scranton, Pa., Feb. 13.—After being cheered by a number of prominent business men, J. Benjamin Dimick announced tonight his candidacy for the Republican nomination for United States Senator, against Senator Penrose.

Mr. Dimick said he was a Progressive Republican, and that the way to bring the Republican party back to power is to cleanse it.

Arrivals of Ocean Steamships.

New York, Feb. 13.—Arrived: Oceanic, Southampton; Europa, Naples; Iroquois, London; San Eduardo, London.

CAPITAL IN GRIP OF SNOWSTORM

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made preparations to collect and distribute clothing for the poor affected by the cold wave and snow.

Mrs. Knight says the society has received frequent appeals for help. "There are many persons who have clothing they do not need," she asserted, "and if they care to aid the needy, the society will be glad to call and get the clothing and give it to those who need it most."

Paradoxically many of the needy men, suffering by reason of the snow, will benefit from it. The street-cleaning department will have to have extra hands in clearing the streets and hundreds of householders will be glad to pay a dime or quarter to have their sidewalks swept.

Only One Case Serious.

Owing to the uncertain footing more than fifty persons went to the hospital. But there were only one case more serious than a sprained ankle, that of Philip Hirtel, sixty-six years old, of 1111 Fourteenth street northwest, who slipped on a cellar door near his home and suffered a fracture of the right shoulder. There were no serious street accidents, though many horses fell and automobiles were stalled.

At the offices of the street car companies it was said that the cars had been running only slightly behind schedule, and that there had been no serious delays. The sweepers were run continuously throughout the day and night. An official said that no trouble was anticipated unless the precipitation lasted more than thirty-six hours.

Trains on the Pennsylvania and Baltimore and Ohio railroads were delayed about ten minutes toward night, and those on the Southern somewhat longer. One Southern train was nearly an hour late. It was said at the Union Station, however, that the storm had not seriously affected the railroads in this section of the country. Neither will the telegraph and telephone companies be bothered to any great extent.

The lowest temperature of yesterday was ten degrees at 2 a. m. At noon the mercury stood at twelve degrees above zero and thereon it rose slowly but steadily. The last considerable snowstorm in Washington occurred in the winter of 1911-12, last winter having been practically snowless and this winter likewise until now. Curiously enough the present storm occurred on the anniversary of the great blizzard of 1899 when Washington was buried under thirty inches, and the mercury fell below zero several degrees.

Six Deaths in New York.

New York, Feb. 13.—The snowstorm that had been heralded by the Weather Bureau, out of the West, descended upon this city tonight, adding greatly to the misery and suffering caused by the zero weather. The worst snowstorm of the winter is predicted.

The frigid weather added six more to its toll of deaths, and many more cases of suffering and distress from exposure were reported to the police.

Maurice Walsh, a traffic inspector, was killed, and rush-hour crowds were delayed by a Brooklyn-bound trolley car that jumped from the snow-covered rails on the Brooklyn bridge.

Thousands Seek Shelter.

Philadelphia, Feb. 13.—This city is still in the grip of the cold wave, the thermometer registering 5 degrees above zero this morning. No deaths have been reported so far, but thousands have sought shelter in the police stations and charity headquarters.

Sleet and Snow in Middle West.

Chicago, Feb. 13.—A heavy snowstorm was moving across Illinois toward Chicago today. A miniature blizzard was pelting Indianapolis and Central Indiana, sleet was falling in many cities as far south as Atlanta. Northern Indiana was in the grip of a heavy snowstorm. Temperatures were slightly above zero. Grand Rapids, Mich., reported a temperature of 4 degrees below zero and clear weather. In St. Louis ten inches of snow has already fallen. Snow is almost a foot deep in the Ozark Mountains. In Birmingham, Ala., the weather was warm and rain was falling.

Biting Wind in Pittsburgh.

Pittsburgh, Pa., Feb. 13.—The cold wave, which has gripped Pittsburgh and the surrounding district for the past six days, continued today with a biting wind adding to the discomfort. Below zero temperatures are reported in all the suburbs with 5 below in the city proper.

Virginia in Ice Kirs's Grip.

Richmond, Va., Feb. 13.—Virginia is fast in the grip of the cold and snow. At 7 o'clock this morning the thermometer registered 12 above zero. Snow began falling early this morning and at 9 o'clock several inches covered the ground. The wind is driving the snow.

Coldest Day in Eighteen Years.

Boston, Feb. 13.—Following the coldest twenty-four hours Boston has known in the last eighteen years, the local weather bureau announced today that the backbone of the cold wave would soon be broken. This morning it was 4 degrees below zero. All New England suffered in the ice king's grip. Three persons were frozen to death.

REICHSTAG DISCUSSES MEXICO.

Raising of Arms Embargo Explained to German Parliament.

Berlin, Feb. 13.—Dr. Alfred Zimmermann, under secretary of state for foreign affairs, was asked in the Imperial Parliament by two of the national liberal leaders today whether Provisional President Huerta had made representations to Germany in regard to the raising of the embargo on the exportation of arms from the United States to Mexico. Dr. Zimmermann replied to the question by saying the United States government had expressed the opinion that nobody outside of Mexico could settle that country's difficulties, and the restoration of peace could only be promoted if both parties were allowed to fight it out without outside interference.

Dr. Zimmermann also explained that the raising of the embargo simply gave American citizens the same right of selling arms as was enjoyed by other nationalities.

FIRE ROUTS GIRL STUDENTS.

Driven from Beds to Bitter Cold, They Suffer from Exposure.

Framingham, Mass., Feb. 13.—Thirty-two girl students at Framingham State Normal School today are suffering from exposure, the result of being driven from their dormitory by an early morning fire. The frightened girls fled in their night clothing, running into the zero weather in their bare feet. The firemen were hampered by the intense cold.

Fast Mail Train Derailed.

Chicago, Feb. 13.—The engine and six cars of the Chicago, Burlington and Quincy Railroad's fast mail eastbound were derailed near Lockridge, Ill., a small town east of Burlington, Iowa, today. The train did not carry any passengers and none of the crew was injured. An open switch caused the wreck.

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